

WANDERING DOG AND STRAY CAT

HOUROU INU TO MAYOI NEKO

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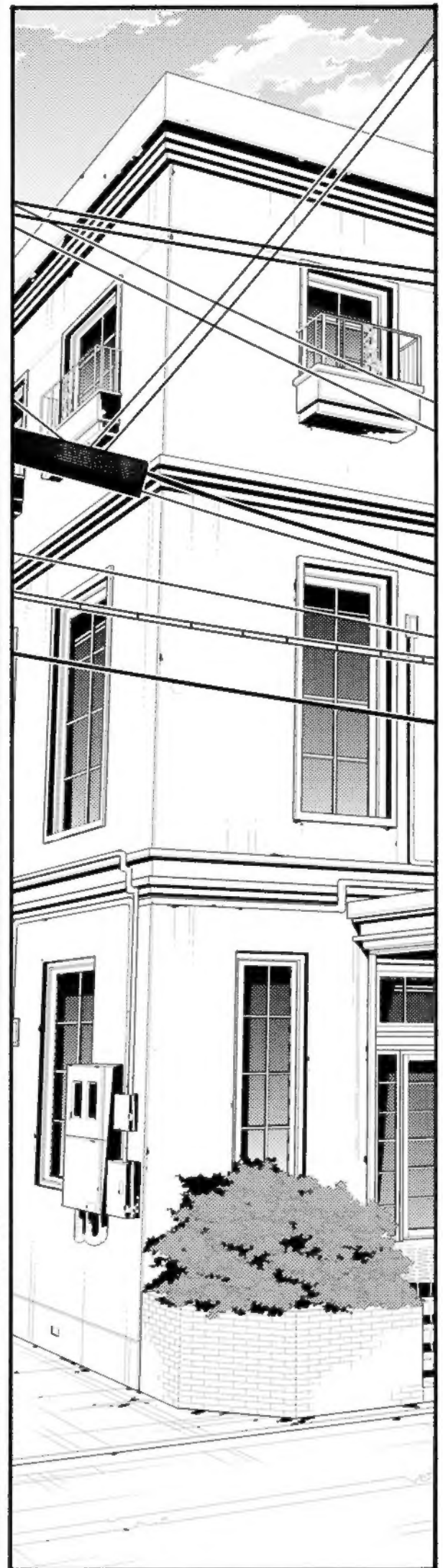
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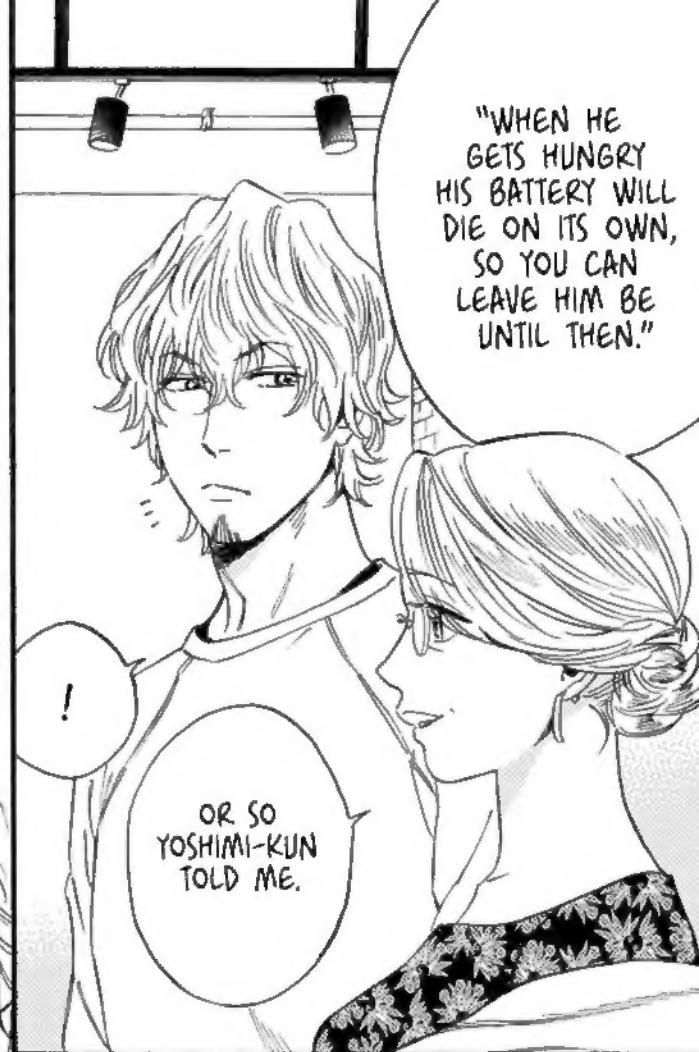
HE'S IN THE KITCHENETTE MAKING TEA,

WHERE'S YOSHIMI?

SINCE HE SAID THE "BATTERY" WILL DIE SOON.



...



OR SO YOSHIMI-KUN TOLD ME.

"WHEN HE GETS HUNGRY HIS BATTERY WILL DIE ON ITS OWN, SO YOU CAN LEAVE HIM BE UNTIL THEN."

!



...



AND YET...



SO IT WAS JUST PUPPY LOVE."

THE MOST WE EVER DID WAS KISS,

"BUT, REALLY,



IT
WAS
LOVE,
WASN'T
IT?

放浪犬と
迷い猫
*Houou
inu
to Mayoi
neko*

drawing.5



IT'S
BOILING
ALREADY.



!



I HEARD
FROM THE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

KASE-SAN'S
GOING TO BE
STAYING AT
YOUR PLACE
WHILE HE'S
HERE?

AH...



... YOU'RE
BACK?

YEAH,
JUST
NOW.



YOU MEAN
'CAUSE "THE
MOST YOU
EVER DID
WAS KISS"?

flinch



THEN
I'M STAYING,
TOO. ♡



SPEAKING
OF
WHICH...



W...

WHAT?

BUT I'M
WORRIED
YOU'RE GONNA
GET WRAPPED
UP IN SOME-
THING~

NOTHING'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN!



IS THAT
HOW YOU
REALLY
FEEL?

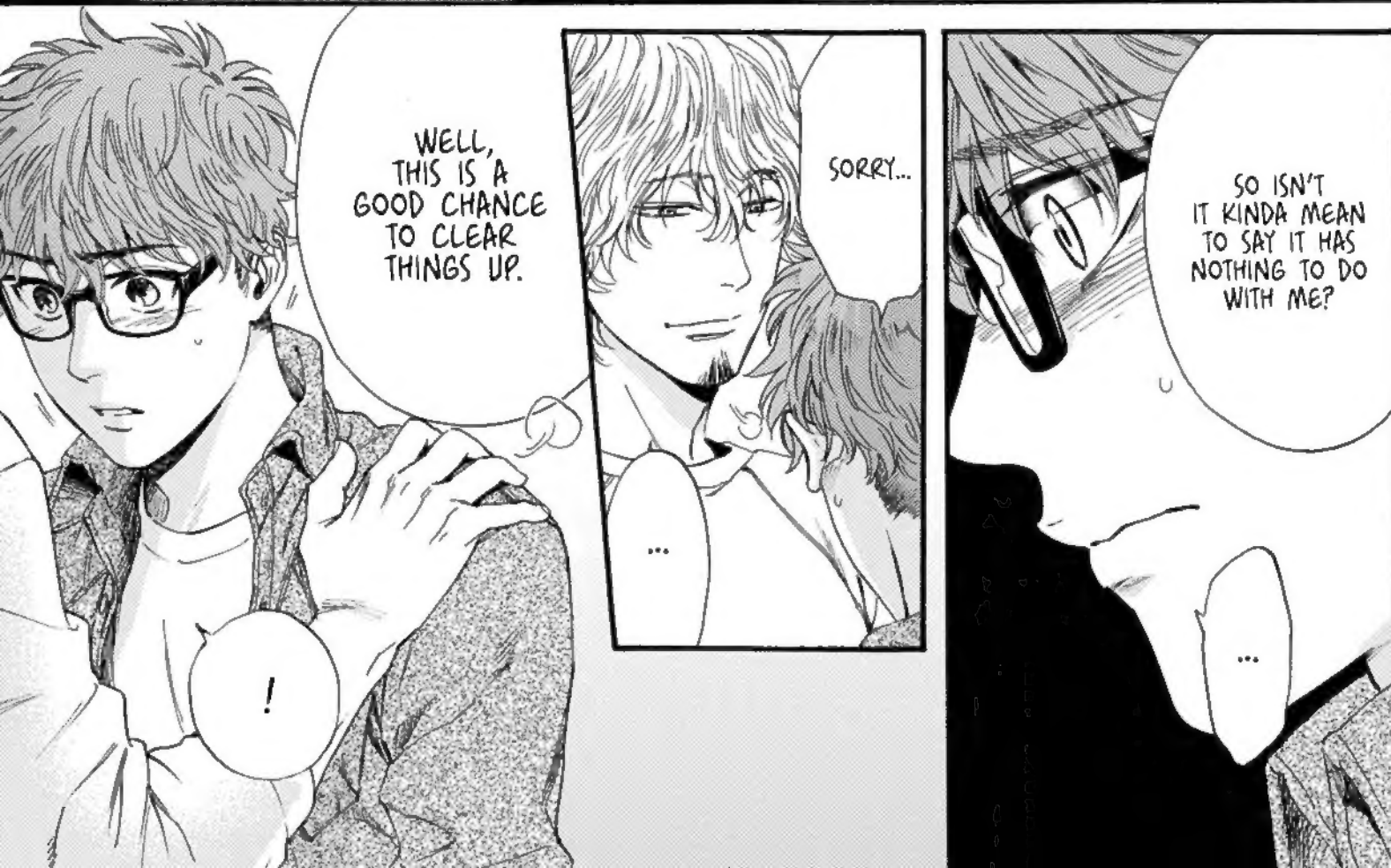
ISN'T IT
JUST YOUR
OPINION THAT
HE DOESN'T
HAVE FEELINGS
FOR YOU?

IS
STILL GETTING
DRAGGED
OUT.

THAT
"PUPPY LOVE"
OF YOURS...

"NOTHING'S
GOING TO HAPPEN"
YOU SAY, AS IF
YOU AREN'T JUST
ACTING LIKE YOU
DON'T EXPECT
SOMETHING.







OR KEEP
DRAGGING
THIS OUT?

ARE YOU
GOING TO
LEAVE KASE
IN THE PAST,



I'M FINE
BEING A
CONVENIENT
PARTNER,

FOR
NOW.

BUT ARE YOU
FINE LIKE THIS,
YOSHIMI?



OR WE
COULD BE HAPPY
TOGETHER ♡

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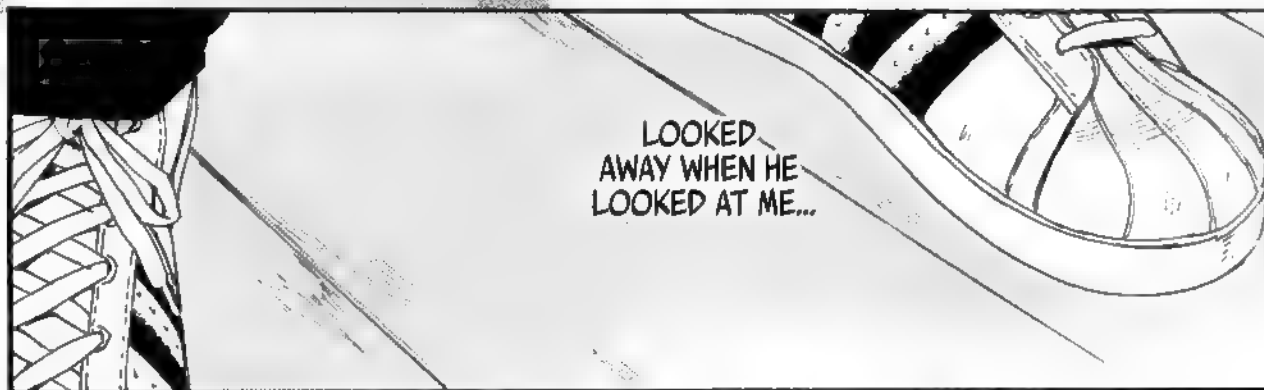


JUST
KIDDING.





I DID
IT AGAIN...



LOOKED
AWAY WHEN HE
LOOKED AT ME...



KASE'S
COME BACK TO
JAPAN...

SO JUST
WHERE DID
I START
EXPECTING
SOMETHING?

I ALREADY MADE
UP MY MIND,

EVER SINCE THE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
TOLD ME ABOUT
THE JOB.



MAYBE
I WAS JUST
LOOKING AWAY
FROM MY
EFFEMINATE SELF.

I MEANT
TO GO BACK
TO THE
PERSON I
WAS BEFORE
I KNEW HIM.

I MEANT
TO GET OVER
HIM.

KASE'S
COME
BACK...!



BUT,
IF I START
NOW,

I'M AFRAID
SEVEN YEARS
OF FEELINGS
ARE GOING TO
COME RUSHING
OUT BEFORE I
CAN STOP
THEM.



clatter

...

I KNOW
IT CAN'T GO ON
LIKE THIS.



I DIDN'T
EVEN WANT
TO SEE YOU!

JUST
YESTERDAY...

...IT
BECAME
LIKE THAT.



EVEN IF
I COULD
BECOME AS
PURE AS KASE,



I WAS
HAPPY WE
COULD MEET
AGAIN, EVEN IF I
LOOKED LIKE I
DIDN'T CARE.

BUT, IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE.



I COULDN'T
BE AS BOLD.





AND I
REALIZED...

THE
FIREWORKS
WERE
PRETTY...

YOU
WERE
LAUGHING...

... THAT I
FELT LIKE,
AH, WHAT A
WONDERFUL
NIGHT.

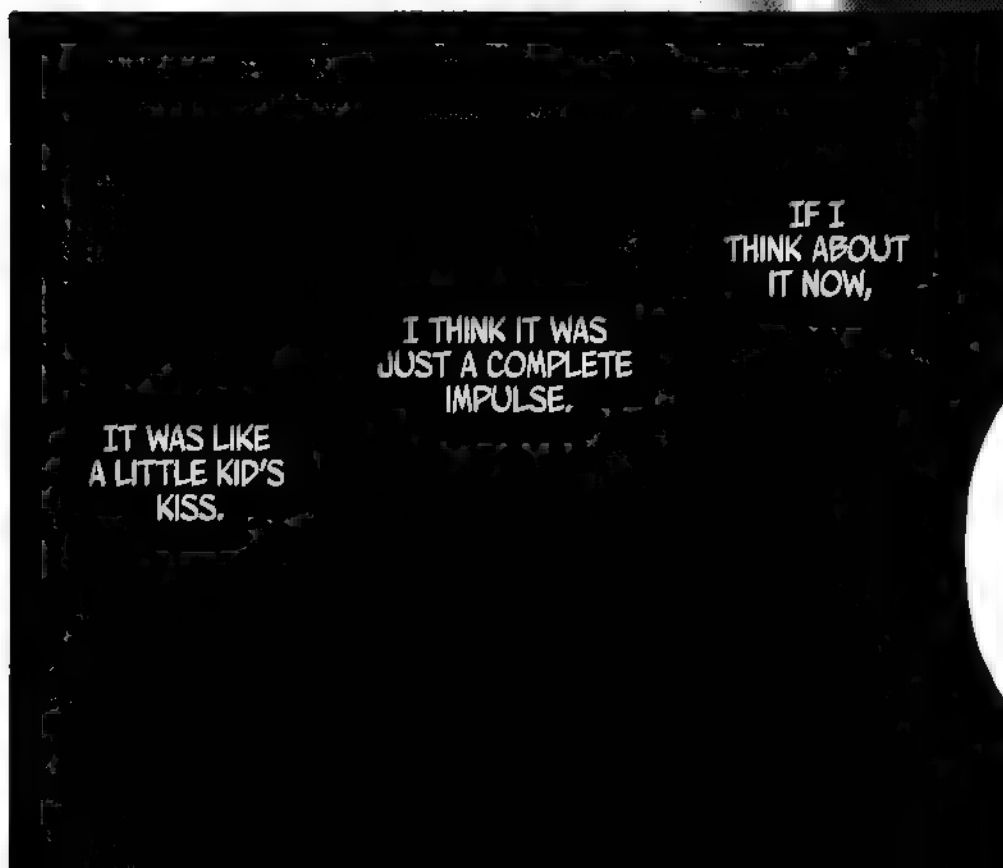
...



UM...

I
WONDER
WHY.

?!
?



IT WAS LIKE
A LITTLE KID'S
KISS.

I THINK IT WAS
JUST A COMPLETE
IMPULSE.

IF I
THINK ABOUT
IT NOW,



SORRY,

I DON'T
REALLY GET
IT...

HE SAID
HE DIDN'T
REALLY GET
IT, BUT,

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT,
I GOT A KISS
FROM KASE.

AND
YET,

I WAS
ECSTATIC.

DOESN'T
HE CARE
THAT WE'RE
BOTH GUYS?!

HE MUST
LIKE ME,
AT LEAST,
RIGHT?!

KA-

Ah,
SORRY.

HUH?

I'M ON
MY WAY TO SEE
A PROFESSOR
RIGHT NOW.

OH,

OKAY...

rustle

rustle

KASE!

YOU'RE
HERE.

YOSHIMI!!

THERE'S
A BOOK I
WANNA
BORROW AT
THE LIBRARY...

YEAH,

THOUGH
THAT'S
JUST AN
EXCUSE.

I
SEE.

...

HUH?

... FEELING
SO ECSTATIC
WITH MY
HEART
RACING?

WAS I
THE ONLY
ONE...

MAYBE
THAT'S ALL IT
IS TO HIM...



WHAT DOES
HE REALLY THINK
ABOUT ME?

I WANT
TO MAKE
SURE.

I ALWAYS
WANT TO BE
WITH YOU.

IT'S SO
NORMAL
SOMEHOW...



KASE WAS
THE SAME
AS ALWAYS.

IT WAS
LIKE THE
KISS NEVER
HAPPENED.

HE JUST
HAD THIS
EXPRESSION
LIKE IT WAS
NOTHING.



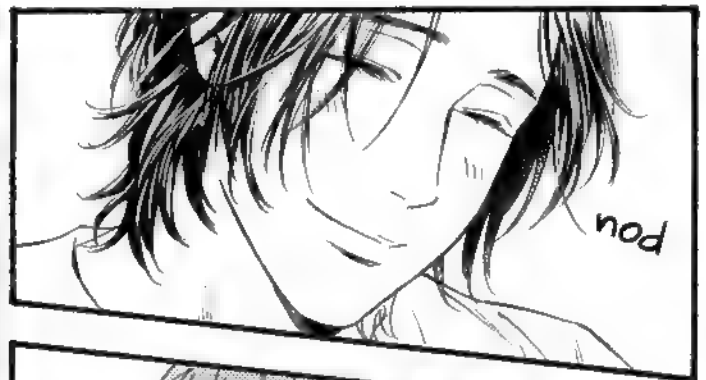
IN NO
UNCERTAIN
TERMS...



HUH?



IT'S THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE HAD A
FRIEND LIKE
YOU.



nod



HUH?!



AND,

MY WORLD'S
GOTTEN
BIGGER SINCE
I MET YOU.

IT PUTS
ME AT
EASE.

IT'S SO
FUN WHEN
I'M WITH
YOU,

I'M NOT JUST
SHUT UP ALONE
IN MY STUDIO
ANYMORE.



IT'D
BE NICE,

IF I COULD
EXPERIENCE
SO MANY
THINGS LIKE
THIS, FOREVER
BY YOUR SIDE.

HOW CAN
YOU JUST
SAY IT LIKE
THIS...



TALKING
WITH
PEOPLE,

SEEING
DIFFERENT
SIGHTS,



KASE...



HMM?



... WITHOUT
ANY SHAME?

...



I KNEW I
COULD FEEL SO
MUCH MORE
THAN WHEN I
WAS ALONE.





I...

I LOVE
YOU, KASE,
SO I KISSED
YOU.


THAT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME I KNEW...

I LOVE
YOU.

...THAT A
SIMPLE BRUSH
OF THE LIPS
COULD TAKE
THAT MUCH
COURAGE.

I ALSO
WANT TO BE
WITH YOU
FOREVER,

BUT,



FOR ONCE
IT WASN'T MY
BODY,

AS MORE
THAN JUST
A FRIEND...

BUT MY HEART
THAT WAS THAT
EXPOSED...

OKAY...



HUH?

GLAD THE
PLACE'S SO
CROWDED,

YEAH...



ARE
YOU OKAY?

!



ALL THE
NOISE OF
PEOPLE EATING
AND DRINKING
AROUND KASE'S
JUST A PAIN IN
THE ASS, HUH?

BUT
FOR YOU,



WHAT'S
MORE, WE
HAD TO SPLIT
UP IN PAIRS.

THOUGH
IT WAS
MINAKO-SAN'S
IDEA TO GO EAT
OUT TOGETHER...



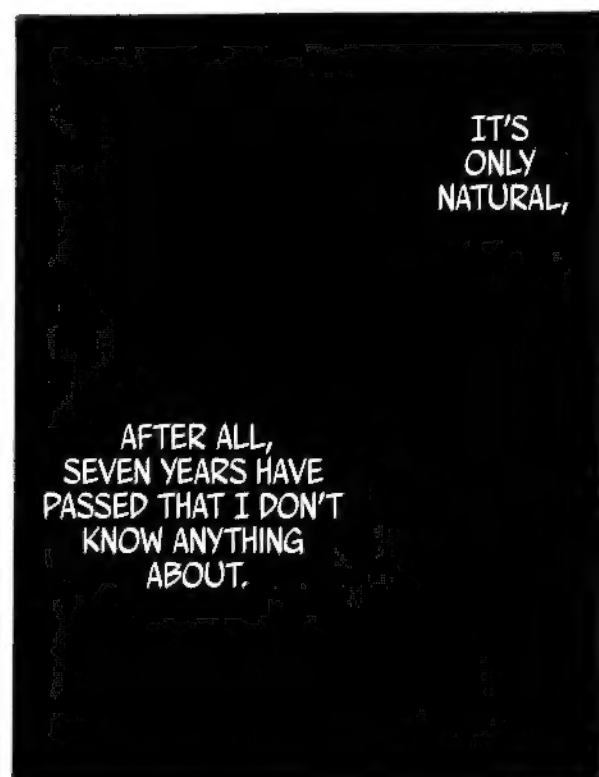
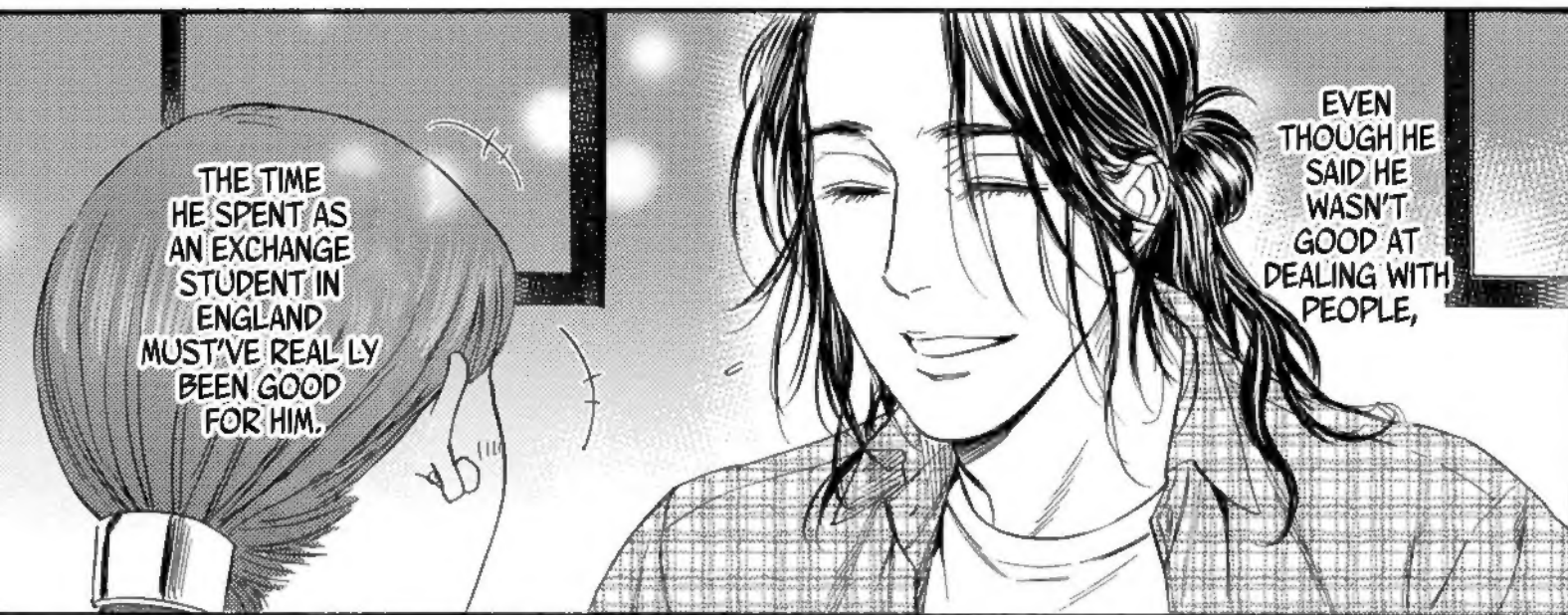
A hunk
goes
well with
sake~

Huh?

Ah,
never
mind~

AT LEAST,
MINAKO-SAN'S
LOOKING PRETTY
FAR GONE OVER
THERE...

She's
the type
that's only
interested
in looks.





I'll...

... SPEAK
TO KASE.



I...

I'VE BEEN
DOING THE SAME
THING TO YOU AS
WHAT HAPPENED
WITH KASE SEVEN
YEARS AGO.

I'M
REALLY SORRY
I'VE BEEN SO
INDECISIVE.



...



... THIS
TIME THAT'S
STOPPED.



I HAVE
TO RESTART...



